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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

There are only two major providers of phone and internet where I live. Both are huge corporations, and both have absolutely terrible customer service. We also have a little independant, whose customer service is so much better that I'd be willing to pay more for it, but it actually costs less. They are dependent on having access to the telecommunications networks. Utilities that require networked infrastructure are not like other consumer goods. Having a free, competitive marketplace requires the availability of access. Companies like Comcast and AT&T are not in any danger of going bankrupt, and do not need new government rules that decrease competition to help them get bigger. Competition is the cornerstone of a free market, and it is government's job to protect that competition, not to eliminate it.

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